

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2081

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served February 1, 1980

Application of ATWOOD'S TRANSPORT)
LINES, INC., for Authority to)
Increase Rates)

Case No. AP-80-01

On January 3, 1980, Atwood's Transport Lines, Inc., filed its WMATC Tariff No. 29 proposing to cancel WMATC Tariff No. 27. The tariff proposes increased rates for regular-route, special and charter operations to become effective February 3, 1980. A summary of the proposed rate changes contained in WMATC Tariff No. 29 follows:

I. Charges for charter and/or transfer service

(a) Charter Service

<u>Vehicle Seating Capacity</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	
	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
38 (with restroom)	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00
46 (with restroom)	20.00	22.00
47 - 53	23.00	25.00

(b) Transfers

Transfer fare in a 38-47 passenger coach* between any two points within the Capital Beltway would be increased from \$60 per trip to \$80 per trip.

Transfer fare in a 38-47 passenger coach* between Dulles International Airport or any point within the Capital Beltway, on the one hand, and, on the other, any point outside the Capital Beltway would be increased from \$80 per trip to \$95 per trip.

* No transfer fare is proposed for coaches seating more than 47 passengers.

II. Charges for group charter sightseeing service
Driver as Lecturer

<u>Vehicle Seating Capacity</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>	
	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
38	\$ 20.00	\$ 22.00
46	23.00	26.00
47 - 53	26.50	30.00

III. Charges for regular-route service

<u>Between</u>	<u>One-Way Fares</u>		<u>Ten-Ride Fares</u>	
	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
<u>Washington, D.C. and</u>				
Silver Hill, Md.	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.30	\$ 8.65	\$ 9.55
Camp Springs, Md.	1.15	1.30	8.65	9.55
Clinton, Md.	1.30	1.45	9.75	10.75
T.B. Junction, Md.	1.60	1.80	12.00	13.20
<u>Silver Hill, Md. and</u>				
Camp Springs, Md.	1.10	1.25	8.25	9.10
Clinton, Md.	1.10	1.25	8.25	9.10
T.B. Junction, Md.	1.25	1.40	9.40	10.35
<u>Camp Springs, Md. and</u>				
Clinton, Md.	1.10	1.25	8.25	9.10
T.B. Junction, Md.	1.10	1.25	8.25	9.10
<u>Clinton, Md. and</u>				
T.B. Junction, Md.	1.10	1.25	8.25	9.10

IV. Charges for special per-capita sightseeing operations

(a) Individual Tours

<u>Tour</u>	<u>Individual Fares</u>			
	<u>Existing</u>		<u>Proposed</u>	
	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>	<u>Adult</u>	<u>Child</u>
A - All day deluxe	\$28.35	\$13.90	\$29.80	\$14.90
B1 - Interiors of public buildings morning half-day tour	11.50	5.75	12.10	6.05
B2 - Interiors of public buildings afternoon half-day tour	11.50	5.75	12.10	6.05
BA - Interiors of public buildings all-day tour	19.25	9.65	20.25	10.15
C - D.C. & Arlington National Cemetery	13.00	6.75	13.85	7.30
D - Mount Vernon and Alexandria, Va.	14.50	6.75	15.30	7.40
H - Washington city tour	6.50	3.25	6.85	3.45
L - Night tour, D.C.	11.50	5.75	12.10	6.05
Z - Zoo and public buildings	--	--	18.00	9.00

(b) Group Tours (Minimum - 10 Persons)

<u>Tour</u>	<u>Per Capita Fares</u>	
	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
A - All day deluxe	\$22.39	\$23.57
B1 - Interiors of public buildings morning half-day tour	8.63	9.08
B2 - Interiors of public buildings afternoon half-day tour	8.63	9.08
BA - Interiors of public buildings all-day tour	14.44	15.19
C - D.C. & Arlington National Cemetery	10.13	10.83
D - Mount Vernon and Alexandria, Va.	11.63	12.08
H - Washington city tour	4.88	5.14
L - Night tour, D.C.	8.63	9.08
Z - Zoo and public buildings	---	13.50

V. Charges for foreign travel groups

<u>Tour</u>	<u>Total Charge Per Coach</u>	
	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
A - All day deluxe (for each additional person over 30 persons)	\$ 4.75	\$707.10 4.75
B - White House, U. S. Capitol, Smithsonian Institution and Bureau of Engraving	258.90	272.40
B1 - Interiors of public buildings morning half-day tour	258.90	272.40
B2 - Interiors of public buildings afternoon half-day tour	258.90	272.40
BA - All day public buildings tour	---	455.70
C - D. C. and Arlington National Cemetery (for each additional person over 30 persons)	303.90 1.50	324.90 1.75
D - Mt. Vernon and Alexandria, Va. (for each additional person over 30 persons)	348.90 3.00	362.40 3.00
H - Mid-day Washington city tour	---	154.20
L - Night Washington city tour	---	272.40
Z - Zoo and public buildings	---	405.00

Each additional stop add 75 cents per person subject to a \$22.50 maximum. (No change from existing charge.)

With respect to rules and regulations relating to charter, group sightseeing and regular-route services, charges for deposits, cancellations, installations of a bar and minimum rental periods have been increased. The deposit charge, currently \$50 per coach, would increase to \$60 for each coach, and the cancellation charge where no deposit has been made would also be \$60 under the proposed tariff. The existing minimum charge of four hours at the hourly rate per coach would increase to six hours per coach. The current charge of \$50 to install a bar at the request of a chartering party would be raised to \$100 pursuant to WMATC Tariff No. 29.

In support of its application Atwood's filed accounting testimony and financial exhibits which are available for inspection at the office of the Commission.

Title II, Article XII, Section 6(a)(1) of the Compact authorizes the Commission to suspend any fare, regulation or practice at any time prior to the effective date thereof. In considering whether such fare, regulation or tariff shall be suspended, the Commission must consider, inter alia, the financial condition of the carrier, its revenue requirements, and whether the carrier is being operated economically and efficiently. Further, the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 6(a)(2) mandates that fares, regulations or practices relating thereto must be just, reasonable, and not unduly preferential either between riders or sections of the Metropolitan District. Subsections (a)(3) and (a)(4) list additional considerations, including the need, in the public interest, of adequate and efficient transportation service by a carrier at the lowest cost consistent with the furnishing of such service, and the opportunity for a carrier to earn a net return of at least 6.5 percent after all taxes properly chargeable to transportation operations.

Pursuant to the Compact the proposed tariff will be suspended for 90 days and a public hearing will be scheduled. Atwood's will be required to post notice of its proposal in its vehicles and publish notice in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District. Applicant will be assessed an amount to be determined prior to the hearing to cover the expenses which the Compact, Title II, Article XII, Section 19(a) requires the carrier to bear.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That WMATC Tariff No. 29, filed January 3, 1980, by Atwood's Transport Lines, Inc., is hereby suspended for a 90-day period beginning February 3, 1980, and continuing through May 2, 1980, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

2. That the above-entitled matter is hereby scheduled for public hearing to commence at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 26, 1980, in

the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D C. 20006.

3. That Atwood's Transport Lines, Inc., publish once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District notice of this application and hearing in the form prescribed by the Commission's staff, no later than Monday February 11, 1980.

4. That Atwood's Transport Lines, Inc., post in each of its vehicles, conspicuously and continuously through the date of public hearing, notice of this application and hearing in the form prescribed by the Commission, no later than Monday, February 11, 1980.

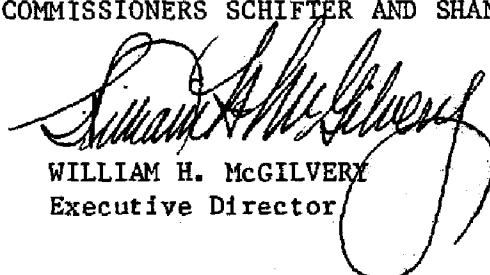
5. That Atwood's Transport Lines, Inc., produce at the public hearing affidavits of said posting and publication.

6. That any person desiring formally to protest the application shall file a protest in accordance with Commission Rule 14, or any person desiring to be heard in this matter shall so notify the Commission, in writing, no later than Monday, March 10, 1980, and shall mail a copy of such protest or notification to counsel for applicant, L. C. Major, Jr., Esquire, 400 Overlook Office Building, 6121 Lincolnia Road, Alexandria, Va. 22312.

7. That any person desiring to comment on this application may do so in writing to WMATC, 1625 I Street, N. W., Room 316, Washington, D. C. 20006, provided such comments are received no later than Monday, March 10, 1980.

8. That inasmuch as no person has notified the Commission of a desire to appear at the public hearing scheduled by Order No. 2077, served January 11, 1980, to take place on February 7, 1980, in Brandywine, Md., that public hearing is hereby cancelled, and Atwood's Transport Lines, Inc., is directed to remove the notices of said hearing that have been posted in the carrier's vehicles.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION, COMMISSIONERS SCHIFTER AND SHANNON:



WILLIAM H. MCGILVERY
Executive Director